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INVOLVEMENT OF NGOS AND PANCHAYATS IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the thrust areas of rural development;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to engage NGOs and Panchayats in rural development; and

(c) the amount spent during each of the last three years for the purpose, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.433 by Shri Ram Prasad Singh due for answer on 19.12.2000.

The Ministry of Rural Development implements a range of programmes with thrust on infrastructureand habitat development, poverty alleviation, management of land resources and peoples` empowerment through the Panchayati Raj Institutions. TheSchemes being implemented include the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana(JGSY), the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana(SGSY), the Employmen Assurance Scheme(EAS), the Indira Awaas Yojana and Rural Housing Programmes;the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme(ARWSP), the Centrally Sponsored RuralSanitation Programme(CRSP), the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) the Desert Development Programme(DDP) and the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP).

2. These Schemes were restructured with effect from 1st April, 1999 so as to make them more focussed and effective. The Guidelines of the restructured Programmes envisage active peoples` participation as also decentralised democratic administration and, therefore, provide for the greater involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions and NGOs. The DetailedGuidelines of the Schemes have been posted on the Website of the Ministry at the address: www.rural.nic.in .

3 . The thrust areas of the recently-introduced Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) are Rural Connectivity (Rural Roads) Primary Education, Primary Health, Rural Shelter, Rural Drinking Water and Nutrition.

4 . Funds directed towards the involvement of NGOsare, generally, routed through CAPART, a registered Societyunder the administrative control of the Ministry of Rural Development.The funds are not allocated State-wise. CAPARTspent amounts of Rs. 39.04 crores during 1997-98, Rs. 23.13 crores during 1998-99 and Rs. 28.77 crores during 1999-2000 to involve NGOs inRural Development Schemes. Panchayati Raj Institutions and NGOs are being engaged as Project Implementing Agencies by the State authorities for Watershed programmes. Panchayati Raj Institutions are also involved with the implementation of other Rural Development Schemes and funds are provided for capacity building to help the elected Panchayat representatives to effectively fulfil the role and responsibilities.